



December 2012

Nighttime Fog In Reno/Photo: Alex Hoon

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						1 1860: What is likely the first documented official weather station in Nevada is established at Ft. Churchill and equipped with a standard rain gauge.
2 1940: A December record high of 78°F was set in Las Vegas.	3 1950: Wettest December day ever in Elko, 1.60 inches of precipitation measured.	4 1945: 10.0 inches of snow fell at Glenbrook.	5 1951: A peak wind gust of 68 mph in Las Vegas set the highest reading recorded in December.	6 1966: One of the worst winter floods on record in southern Nevada did over \$1 million in damage to highways, bridges, campgrounds and irrigation canals.	7 1940: The high temperature reaches 80°F in Overton, tying the warmest high temperature ever in Nevada in December.	8 2007: A winter storm brought 19 inches of snow to Great Basin National Park, 16 inches to Austin, 11 inches to Ruth and 9 inches to Eureka.
9 1972: The morning low of -16°F at Reno remains the record low for the month of December at Reno.	10 1972: Las Vegas recorded a high temperature of 32°F. This is the coldest high temperature ever recorded in the city in December.	11 1939: The high temperature reaches 80°F in Overton, setting an all-time high for Nevada for December.	12 1937: Rain falling on mountain snowpack caused severe flooding in the Truckee, Carson, and Walker River basins.	13 2008: Strong downslope winds on the west and north sides of the Las Vegas Valley tore down trees, billboards and signs.	14 2002: Wind gusts of up to 100 mph tore down hundreds of trees in western Nevada and the roof off an apartment complex in Carson City.	15 2000: A cold front brought strong winds that damaged a garage roof in Currie and produced gusts up to 67 mph in Paradise Valley.
16 1930: The U.S. Weather Bureau begins observations at the Elko Municipal Airport.	17 1976: The first ever weather radar in Nevada, a WSR-74C, was activated at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas at Noon.	18 1948: Official weather observations and climate records for Las Vegas move to the present McCarran Airport.	19 1990: Sustained winds over 40 mph caused very rough water on Lake Tahoe stranding around 100 people on a tour boat for four hours.	20 1909: Greatest unofficial snowstorm ever documented in Las Vegas commenced with 10-15 inches of snow. 13 inches on Fremont Street.	21 1996: Nevada 24 hour state record for new snow is set at Daggett Pass with 36 inches measured.	22 1967: Highest sea-level pressure ever recorded at Las Vegas, 30.80 inches.
23 1955: Reno recorded 2.02 inches of precipitation. The very heavy rainfall and melting snow caused severe flooding in Reno.	24 1990: The morning low temperature at Lovelock was -22°F, setting a daily record.	25 2008: Unusual Christmas weather in Las Vegas. Thunder was heard in the afternoon while rain fell, then later in the evening snow fell briefly but did not stick.	26 1924: Bitter cold: Daily record lows of -40°F at Elko and -26°F at Winnemucca.	27 1988: Extreme cold air moved into much of Nevada: Low temperatures of -27°F at Wild Horse Reservoir, -22°F in Ely and -19 °F in Elko.	28 2002: Wind gusts of 80 mph in Baker blew a trailer off cinder blocks. An 89 mph gust was measured at Great Basin Nat'l Park.	29 1973: Strong winds caused damage in the Reno area. A motel that was under construction lost its roof. Nine house trailers were knocked off of their foundations.
30 2004: 16.4 inches of snow fell at Reno.	31 1915: Las Vegas and Searchlight both measured 5 inches of snow.	Spotlight On Safety: Cold Weather During cold weather, dress in layers. Wrap exposed pipes with towels or duct tape. Remove the water from outdoor pipes and sprinklers and insulate backflow preventers and valves with blankets or towels. The most important valve to cover is the Pressure Vacuum Breaker. Sprinkler systems should be shut off entirely.				